

how he got injured so that I could then correct whatever deficiency we might have on that job so that no one else got injured. I want to get to the truth. I don't want to get to an attorney's coached statement. I want to get to the point where whatever the truth is we can find out what it is as soon as possible and use that truth to get the thing straightened out as opposed to waiting 15 days. I don't want, for example, some attorney to come in and coach the victim as to what to say to be sure we get the best claim possible, and you and I both know that victims are coached by less scrupulous attorneys and they will say whatever is to the best interest of their claim and that is what I am afraid of and that is what I see in this particular bill as to the danger of it. For that reason I will not vote for this bill.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator McDonald.

SENATOR MCDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of the DeCamp amendment and LB 360. The main purpose of LB 360 is to provide protection for the injured person. The provisions of this amendment and bill do not prohibit a person, adjuster, or claim agent from seeing, talking with in person or by telephone, and/or obtaining a release unless said person's interest is or may become adverse to the injured person. Now that is the purpose of the amendment and the bill and the need for such protection is without question. LB 360 is not directed at any group or any particular industry but solely for the protection of those injured persons who are taken advantage of by a few unscrupulous operators. It is not directed at the whole industry at large and, furthermore, there are no penalty provisions, criminal or otherwise, contained in this bill. I feel that it is in the best interest of the people of Nebraska and would make it more difficult for those few who would abuse the current system to obtain self-incriminating statements from the injured parties. Granted, the vast majority of these cases are handled fairly and responsibly with compassion and empathy shown toward the injured or those in mourning. There are those, however, who have and will continue to harass or coerce statements that are not necessarily accurate under the guise of handling the